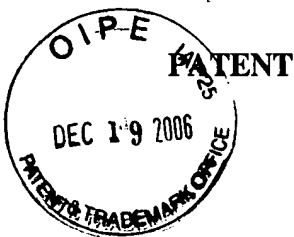


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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action, mailed October 16, 2006, having a period for response set to expire on January 16, 2007. The following Remarks are respectfully submitted.

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